

GOVERNMENT MAY BUILD DREADNAUGHT

Eight-Hour Law Enables Navy Yards to Compete With Big Shipbuilding Firms.

The eight-hour law as applied to Government contract work has placed navy yards in a position to compete with private shipbuilding firms, and it is possible that the battleship Pennsylvania, the largest dreadnaught yet designed for the American navy, will be built either at the Brooklyn navy yard or at Norfolk.

The opening of bids at the Navy Department this week disclosed a situation that filled the big shipbuilders with alarm and has caused the Navy Department to attempt to preserve with much secrecy the estimates submitted by Government yards for building the big battleship.

The lowest private bid made was \$17,500,000. This covers the cost of the vessel exclusive of armor and armament. The Brooklyn navy yard made a bid of \$17,000,000, only \$500,000 more than that of the lowest private bidder. This bid was not announced with the others, and, together with the Norfolk navy yard, was refused to be published when asked for. The bid of the Norfolk yard has not yet been made public.

Figures Prove Menace.

It is believed that the Navy Department is inclined to let the work to a private contractor. The big shipbuilding works have frequently declared that without Government contracts they would have to reduce their capacity, thus threatening to put the Government up against a difficult situation in time of extreme need.

But the Government figures, which cover work not only done under Government supervision, but by the Government itself, as against private work supervised by inspectors and constructors, are a menace to an attempt to turn the work over to a private firm.

Several Congressmen have interested themselves in the matter since it became known that the two navy yard bids were not disclosed at the same time the bids of private firms were published, and the award of the contract will be watched with vigilance.

Eight-Hour Law a Factor.

The armor plate of the Pennsylvania will cost more than \$3,000,000, and her twelve fourteen-inch guns will cost \$2,000,000 more. The remainder of the \$15,000,000 to be spent on her will be taken up by the cost of torpedoes, minor armament—twenty-two five-inch guns—the torpedo tubes and minor defensive construction.

The eight-hour law has worked effectively because it has forced private contractors to figure their labor bill on a shorter day than they have heretofore taken into consideration. Private shipbuilding firms have worked their men nine, ten or twelve hours on Government contracts in the past.

Two fuel ships will be built this year in Government yards, taking about the hands of private firms, but the building of these by the Government, a condition of the appropriation, will be a small loss compared with the loss of the \$15,000,000 Pennsylvania should her construction be undertaken by the Government itself.

RAY DECREE JOLTS PATENT PROTECTION

New York Judge Declares Any Attempt to Fix Resale Price Is Violation of Law.

Department of Justice officials are deeply interested in the recent decision of Judge Ray of the district court of the southern district of New York in the case of the Waltham Watch Company vs. Charles A. Keane. It is pointed out that the decision of Judge Ray, if it is sustained by the Supreme Court, opens up new possibilities in the enforcement of the Sherman law.

The net effect of the decision of Judge Ray, as it is interpreted here, is to strike at the business of building up monopolies or attempted monopolies under the shield of the patent laws. It has been supposed that the decision in the Dick case opened the door to this line of attack.

But the effect of the recent decision of Judge Ray is to hold that any wholesaler or retailer who attempts to fix the price at which patented articles shall be resold is acting in violation of law and is in restraint of trade. Moreover, as it is interpreted by the Department of Justice officials, the party on the other side, entering into the deal to make the resale at the fixed price, is acting in restraint of trade.

This means that retail prices cannot be controlled under the guise of the exercise of rights accruing under the patent laws. The decision affects numerous cases now pending and if upheld by the Supreme Court will have far-reaching effect.

Lehmann's Visit Here Revives Cabinet Boom

Former Solicitor General Frederick W. Lehmann, of St. Louis, is in Washington, and held a conference yesterday with the Attorney General. Mr. Lehmann was talked of some time ago as a possibility for Attorney General under President Wilson. His visit here has caused a recurrence of this talk.

Carter Beats Horse; Retribution Is Quick

William Carter, colored, eighteen years old, is in Casualty Hospital with a fractured skull, as a result of a dismal failure at practical joking. Carter was in Brewer's court, where Perry Wolf, colored, was exercising a joke on Wolf. Carter struck the horse on the hindquarters with a stick, just as it passed him. The horse "let loose" with both hind feet, kicking Carter on the head and knocking him unconscious.

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SWANSON PLEADS FOR BIGGER NAVY

Virginia Senator, at Banquet of Engineers, Indorses Two Battleship Program.

Declining to trust peace to treaties, and declaring a strong navy is the greatest argument for peace in the world, Senator Swanson, of Virginia, pledged himself to the "two battleships a year" program, as planned by the American Society of Naval Engineers, at their annual banquet, held at Rauscher's last night. The whole evening was taken up with discussions of a greater navy, and both Democrats and Republicans promised their best efforts to work "for that end."

Senator Swanson responded to the toast "What kind of a navy would the father of his country want today?" He declared the people of Virginia upheld him in his desire to see the United States a great sea power, and believed that nothing would so argue for peace. The commerce of the United States depends either on a navy strong enough to dominate the seas or the tolerance of those powers which have stronger navies, the Senator said. He insisted that any program of economy which failed to plan for at least two battleships a year was worse than a mistake.

Congressman George E. Foss, of Illinois, followed Senator Swanson with an address on "The Navy in Congress." Congressman Foss proved to be as strong an advocate of a better navy as Senator Swanson. He favored maintaining an up-to-the-minute navy which would eliminate any sea power that attempted to interfere with either our commerce or our rights. He promised that the Republicans would do as much toward obtaining such a navy as the Democrats would.

Congressman Stephen B. Ayres, of New York, spoke on "Two Battleships," pledging his support to the two battleship program, and declaring he was certain the Democratic Administration would see to it that the program was carried out. Capt. R. S. Griffin, president of the Society of Naval Engineers, presided at the banquet and Walter M. McFarland was toastmaster. Capt. William Strother Smith, U. S. N., was chairman of the committee on arrangements.

WILSON APPROVES OF ECONOMY CAMPAIGN

Writes Letter to House Leader Which Stirs Up Criticism of President-Elect.

President-elect Wilson has taken a hand in the appropriations situation in the House.

He has written a letter to a House leader in which he strongly approves of the economy campaign of Chairman Fitzgerald of the House Committee on Appropriations. He lectures Democrats for a policy which will run the appropriations about \$100,000,000 ahead of those of last session. The naval bill, the public buildings bill and the river and harbor bill are criticized by the President-elect. Opponents of these bills are using the attack of Wilson to try to defeat these measures or compel reductions in them.

Comment is caused by reason of the fact the letter was not sent to Leader Underwood or Speaker Clark. Further comment is stirred up by the action of Mr. Wilson, before actually becoming President, trying to shape legislation.

Some resentment is caused by this action and this feeling is considered here to be a pretty definite forerunner of numerous clashes between the President and Congress after March 4.

KUPPENHEIMER OVERCOAT "FACTORY SALE" AT ITS HEIGHT

Big Demand Keeps Grosner's, 1013 Pa. Ave., Busy.

Sale an Unusual Money Saving Opportunity.

The factory sale of the second big shipment of Kuppenheimer Overcoats is on with a rush at Grosner's, 1013 Pa. Ave. N. W.

Careful dressers from all over the city are taking advantage of the truly remarkable values offered. Just to know that there is a special sale of Kuppenheimer Overcoats and Suits is enough to draw the Washington Man to Grosner's—but the exception to the rule is in order during this sale make such an unusually interesting offer that even their most persistent regular customers are surprised.

The assortment includes this season's best selling fabrics in a variety of models, creating the most favorable comment. And it is no wonder. Kuppenheimer Overcoats valued as high as \$80 are now selling for only \$12.50. And every garment sold carries the same liberal service guarantee that you would have received at its full price.

Waterproof and cravenette cloth coats for rainy weather are included in this shipment and are on sale at greatly reduced prices.

Remember good bargains never remain long. If you want to get the best of the lot, come early Monday, Grosner's, 1013 Pa. Ave., are sole agents in Washington for Kuppenheimer clothes.—Adv.

Knights of Columbus Plan Big Initiation

The largest initiation into the fourth degree of the Knights of Columbus held in years, will be held tonight in Baltimore, when 100 members from Washington and 150 members from Baltimore and Maryland will receive that degree. The Baltimore contingent left this afternoon for Baltimore in a body. Following the exemplification of the degree, a banquet to which 1,000 guests have been invited, will be held. To this banquet will come the fourth degree.

free knights with their wives, and their women friends.

An elaborate program has been prepared for the occasion by Charles W. Darr, master of the fourth degree Knights of Columbus, which is expected to rival in interest the program issued for a similar occasion by the master of the Knights of Columbus of Chicago last year when several hundred knights of that district received the fourth degree.

Investigate Loss of \$21.

Under instructions from Major Sylvester, Inspector Boyle and Captain Williams are investigating the disappearance of \$21 from the Fourth precinct police station. The money disappeared while its owner was out on a fire call.

Barbers Are Charged With Making Handbook

Sam M. Curley, barber, and John F. Gerhold, proprietor of a Ninth street barbershop, were arrested by Detectives Simpson and Howes and Sergeant Lowman, of the First precinct yesterday, charged with making a handbook. Policemen Dillon and Spring, of the Eighth precinct, who were unknown to the barbers, went to the shop frequently to get shaved, and made several bets, it is alleged.

They will be the star witnesses when Gerhold and Curley are given a hearing. Both men were released on bond.

Shoemaker Meets His Death on Lonely Road

EPPING, N. H., Feb. 23.—Local authorities are investigating the finding of the body of Arthur E. Wilmet, of Smithtown, with the head mutilated, on the Newfields highway, by Miss Lora Hendry, a schoolgirl. The throat was slashed from ear to ear and there was a deep gash in the back of the skull. The police of this town and surrounding towns are conducting a thorough search of the locality in the hope of apprehending the murderer.

Dr. G. W. Knewton, medical referee, and County Solicitor Gupill believe the man met his death through foul play and they point out the probability that he was attacked from behind while walking along the road.

Wilmet was a shoemaker about whom not much was known. Nothing was found in his pockets but a pair of woolen gloves.

Fifty Newspaper Men Dine With Taft Tonight

The President will return from New York today in time to entertain forty or fifty newspapermen at dinner in the state dining room tonight.

Last Man's Club Holds Its Annual Banquet

WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 23.—The Last Man's Club held its annual dinner last night at the Hotel Wilmington with nineteen of the original twenty-two members present. Since the organization of the unique club on February 22, 1906, three members have died, but the places for the twenty-two are always provided and last evening the three vacant chairs told their own story. The club includes some of Wilmington's best-known citizens.

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